

treasurer and resulted in the election of J. C. Cassel; a ballot was then taken for Secretary which resulted in the election of J. O. Talley.

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J. O. TALLEY, Secretary.

The Sunday School

REVIEW.—SEPTEMBER 30

Remarks

1. A good plan to pursue in order to prepare the review lesson would be to turn to the map in the *Brethren Quarterly* and with a lead pencil start on the north eastern shore of the Lake of Galilee and trace the course of Jesus from lesson to lesson to the close of the quarter. This done a good foundation will be laid on which to continue the review study. This will give a connection to the lessons which will make them easily remembered.

2. Do not expect to get this review thoroughly without a careful study of it.

3. Take a list of the subjects and as you look at each see if you can tell the story of the lesson in your own words.

4. Patient study for an hour will bring its own reward to you.

The Lessons

1. *Jesus walking on the sea.*—Connection: This followed upon the feeding of the five thousand. Teachings: (1) Christ's power over nature. (2) Christ's care for his disciples.

2. *Jesus the bread of life.*—Connection: Occurred after Jesus had got across the sea of Galilee and had been met by the people he had fed the day before, who now wanted to be fed again. Teachings: (1) Christ's chief interest in us is not that we have something to eat, but that we feed our souls on him and his word. (2) Bread should not be our chief aim, but to do God's will.

3. *The Gentile woman's faith.*—Connection: Jesus left the bread-seeking people of Capernaum and went north-west to the borders of Tyre and Sidon. Teachings: (1) A humble recognition of our position is necessary to receive Christ's blessings. (2) Earnest prayer is always heard. (3) Christ came to bless everyone.

4. *Peter's confession and Christ's rebuke.* Connection: Jesus went from the region of Tyre and Sidon down to south end of Lake of Galilee, north over the lake to Capernaum, south to Jerusalem and then north to Mt. Hermon. On the way this lesson occurs. Teachings: (1) The cross is repulsive to an unregenerate soul. (2) The cross is the way to success. (3) The disciple should not think to know better than the Master.

5. *The Transfiguration.*—Connection: Just after last lesson. Occurred on Mt. Hermon. Teachings: (1) Only those closest to Christ are permitted to see his glory and hear God's approving voice. (2) The transfiguration scene is only a preparation for work among the needy down below.

6. *Jesus and the children.*—Connection: At Capernaum just after the transfiguration. Occasioned by the quarrel of the disciples as to who should be greatest. Teachings: (1) To enter into the kingdom one must be child-like (not childish). (2) Conversion is the first step, becoming or growing is the second step in the Christian life. (3) The humblest is the greatest.

7. *The forgiving spirit.*—Connection: Is a part of the same discourse as the last lesson and in answer to a question of Peter's makes application of the child-like spirit to the forgiveness of injuries. Teachings: (1) If we do not forgive our fellow men, God will not forgive us.

8. *The Man Born Blind.*—Connection: This lesson is out of its order in time. It did not occur until some time after the last lesson. Jesus had gone to Jerusalem to attend Feast of Tabernacles.

Lesson: (1) Only Christ is able to restore our spiritual sight. (2) Only those who know they are blind spiritually and want to see can be healed by Christ.

9. *Jesus the Good Shepherd.*—Connection: These words were spoken by the Savior just after the healing of the blind man.

Lessons: (1) Only thru Christ can we come to God and enter the fold. (2) Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cares for us, his sheep.

10. *The Seventy Sent Forth.*—Connection: This lesson really follows the lesson on the forgiving spirit. But since it tells of the return of the seventy rather than their going out, it fits here well.

Lesson: (1) The greatness of the harvest. (2) The need of prayer for laborers. (3) We should rejoice not in our power, but that our names are written in heaven.

11. *The Good Samaritan.*—Connection: This follows the last lesson Jesus was going down thru Perea to Jerusalem and met this lawyer on the way.

Teaching: (1) Our neighbor is any one in need whom we know of and can help. (2) The two great commandments are inseparable.

12. *The Rich Fool.*—Connection: Quite a while after last lesson. Occasioned by a quarrel between brothers over an estate.

Lesson: (1) Covetousness is at the bottom of a great many other sins. (2) The soul is more valuable than property.

13. *The Duty of Watchfulness.*—Connection: As Jesus nears the end of his life he warns his disciples to be watchful.

Lesson: (1) Only by watching and praying are we ready for the unexpected coming of Christ. (2) Stewardship always means responsibility.

Summary

1. During this quarter we have seen Jesus pass from popularity to unpopularity. By refusing to feed the five thousand a second time he set in motion the influence which led the common people to see that he would not fulfill their vulgar expectations and hence to forsake him.

2. During this quarter we have seen Jesus

reaching out into the strange regions of Tyre and Sidon and Perea.

3. He has shown an activity which shows his power.

4. He has set his disciples to work which he alone could not accomplish.

5. We have seen him finishing his teaching in all parts of Palestine, just lately in Perea, the last province where he taught.

6. Events seem to be converging to the crisis which he foresees.

7. Next quarter we shall see him at work on the last of his earthly career, and hear some of the most wonderful words that ever fell from the lips of man.

8. Let us not only learn but practice the lessons we have learned this last quarter.

J. C. GILLIN.

Church News

Minutes of the National Conference of the Brethren Church, held at Winona Lake, Ind., Aug. 31 to Sept. 5, 1900.

FRIDAY

The first session of the General Conference of the Brethren church was opened with devotional services led by the retiring Moderator, J. H. Knepper of Meyersdale, Pa. The last chapter of First Thessalonians was read as a scripture lesson. The music of this session as well as of all the others was led by Prof. J. H. Hall of Dayton Va.

The Devotional services ended, the Moderator announced that the Conference was formally opened and ready for the transaction of business.

The following committee on credentials was appointed by the Moderator: E. L. Yoder, Kanemorado; W. C. Perry, Indiana; J. F. Koontz, Pennsylvania. The Moderator also announced the following committee on organization and instructed the members of the committee to prepare for the election of the officers of conference: C. E. Deffenbaugh, Ohio; R. R. Teeter, Illinois; L. A. Hazlett, Pennsylvania.

While these two committees were at work the Conference entertained itself with short addresses from the various members present.

E. E. Haskins: The outlook promising for a good conference. One thought suggested itself, that owing to the present time of holding conference many especially in his congregation were unable to attend. Could not the Conference convene somewhat further removed from the first of the month.

I. D. Bowman: There is a scarcity of workers in the field. Churches are without pastors, new fields to be occupied, but where are the workers? Jesus said, "Pray, that laborers may be sent forth." Can we not make our need of workers a subject of prayer?

J. C. Mackey: Judging from the present attendance and the spirit manifested we shall hold our best conference.

J. C. Cassel: It is said that the fittest survive. If this be true in God's economy we must certainly be in favor with God, because none of our workers have died during the year. We must certainly be living in God's love.

J. A. Miller: I thank God that I can be present in this conference. Certainly it is thru him that I can be here. I came because I needed your help and also that I might help you. We should urge